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(Left) Vice president Dan Quayle congratulates Gallaudet President King Jordan and his wife Linda amid crowds celebrating the passage of the ADA July 26. (Right) Alan Zamochnick (left), Class of '70 and an equal opportunity specialist with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, talks with cardiologist Erik von Schmetterling, who is deaf and uses a wheelchair. Also pictured is deaf attorney Bob Miller. The men traveled from Pennsylvania and New York for the event.

## More employers seek students through EPOC

Prestigious businesses—notably those involved in research fields—are learning in ever-increasing numbers about the quality of work that Gallaudet students do, and they want the opportunity to have students do work for them.

The University's Experiential Pro-

The University's Experiential Programs Off Campus (EPOC) program has been matching students with companies in fields pertaining to their academic majors since the mid-1970s. This year, an unprecedented 356 students have been matched with employers in cooperative or internship arrangements across the nation, in Canada, and abroad.

An EPOC official said the increase is the result of employers getting word-of-mouth information from other employers and seeing firsthand the work of the students. Another factor has been the exposure that Gallaudet received through the Deaf President Now movement of 1988 that led prestigious employers such as the United States Air Force, the National Institutes of Health, American Security Bank, the British Deaf Association, Exxon, and the Federal Aviation Administration to seek out students for temporary and, occasionally, permanent positions.

"It's exciting that we are seeing so many students getting challenging opportunities in prestigious work environments to develop their skills and really show what they can do," said Gerald McGaughran, a coordinator of EPOC's Co-op Education Program.

McGaughran pointed to the "steady growth of employers each year." He said that the number of placements this year is 13 percent over last year, about 45 percent more than in 1988, and almost 75 percent over 1987.

"I think certainly the publicity over the past few years from DPN has increased the public's awareness of our institution," said McGaughran. "And as coordinators, our team also has developed more [job] sites, making contacts with prospective employers." But he said that it is increasingly common for employers to contact EPOC on their own, either through the grapevine—having heard positive remarks from other employers who have used the services of Gallaudet students—or through published articles about the University.

"The value of the education students get from a combination of class and work experience can't be equaled by classroom training alone," McGaughran said of the cooperative/internship program. Students work on a voluntary or pay basis, and can, under certain circumstances, receive up to 12 general elective credits through the program. They are treated "like any other employee" at their jobs and are evaluated according to their performance, McGaughran said.

This year, Gallaudet students are contributing research in fields such as nuclear energy and medicine, wildlife, cardiovascular technologies, telecommunications, civil rights, astrophysics, space technology, education, oceanography, and environmental science.

In the field of deafness, EPOC students are performing research at the University of Michigan's Kresge Learning Research Institute, the University of California/San Francisco's Center on Deafness, and the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, and in telecommunications for deaf people at AT&T and MCI.

A particularly notable EPOC employer, new this year, is Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y., where a chemistry and a biology student from Gallaudet are doing research in nuclear medicine to help determine the value of a new cancer fighting technique, and a third student, a physics major, is working on experiments to help understand the makeup of matter. Brookhaven has offered one of the students a permanent position after her internship ends in the fall.

And at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., EPOC, for the third year, has been awarded a grant to manage NASA's "Technical Experience for Select Students" program, where students are helping researchers in projects such as the Galileo Space Probe and the Hubble Space Telescope.

"Right now, research lab opportunities are growing even faster than the number of students we have to fill them," said EPOC Director Anne Nissen. "We think it is a great selling point to prospective, talented students."

# ADA signing spells victory

Deaf people and people with other disabilities won a major victory in their fight for equal rights when President George Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26 at the south lawn of the White House.

Among those gathered on the lawn were Gallaudet University President I. King Jordan and his wife, Linda. They joined approximately 2,000 other people with disabilities—some of whom were from Gallaudet—their families, and numerous dignitaries to see Bush sign the historic legislation, which bans discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, public transportation, general services, accommodations, and telephone services.

The group then moved to the Ellipse, where more Americans with disabilities had assembled to celebrate the ADA's signing and where Jordan was one of many ADA supporters cheering the crowd on, saying, "This is the way it should be, and this is the way it will always be for the rest of our lives."

Sen. Tom Harkin, (D-Iowa), one of the ADA's main supporters, also spoke at the celebration, calling the bill the 20th century's emancipation proclamation for all people with disabilities.

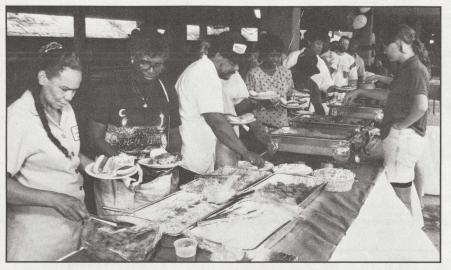
ADA supporter Rep. Steny Hoyer, (D-Md.), spoke as well. "We need to be sure that the words on the White House floor are reality for 43 million Americans [with disabilities]."

Vice President Dan Quayle congratulated the crowd, calling the bill's signing "a new day in America. It has been a long hard struggle, but you have succeeded. You have made it."

Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, who was among the speakers, said that "enforcement of ADA is not a burden. It is a challenge which we willingly pursue on behalf of all Americans with disabilities."



Roberto Wirth (second left), a deaf hotel manager in Rome, was given a plaque of appreciation by Deaf Mosaic staff for hosting them when they filmed a special on Italy, to be aired this month. With him are (left to right) John Mullen, Mary Lou Novitsky, and Tony Hornick.





About 150 Physical Plant Department staff enjoyed fun and relaxation at the July 27 Staff Appreciation Day, a day filled with games, food, and music. Organizers said it was one of the best attended of the annual events ever. Awards were given for role-model employees, perfect attendance, and exemplary sign language skills.

#### Announcements

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has established a telephone hotline to help consumers understand their rights and the FDIC's role in protecting the legitimate interests of bank customers. To get information or to receive instructions for filing a complaint or inquiry with one of the federal regulatory agencies, TDD users in the Washington, D.C., area can call 898-3537 weekdays from 9 a.m. to

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The University of Maryland, Baltimore County, traveling theater will present a free, sign interpreted, outdoor performance of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" on Aug. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park Ave., Chevy Chase, Md. In the event of rain, the performance will be held indoors at the Friendship Heights Village Center.

A pilot program designed to prepare pastors for ministries with hard of hearing people will be aired the week of Aug. 26 on "Catch the Spirit," the national television series of The United Methodist Church. A segment of the program about the Deaf Ministry Program, a joint venture between Wesley Theological Seminary and Gallaudet, will feature the Rev. Margaret Hodges, assistant director of the program, who is pastor of the Washington, D.C., United Methodist Church of the Deaf and a chaplain at Gallaudet. The program can be seen on the Vision Interfaith Satellite network on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., and Thursday at 9 a.m.; on the American Christian Television System on Sunday at 11 a.m., Thursday at 10 a.m., and Friday at 1 p.m.; on the Alternate View Network on Sunday at 7:30 a.m.; on the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America on Monday at 1:30 p.m.; and on the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service at various times.

# **Among Ourselves**

Rachel Stone, Class of '72 and Younger Playroom instructor at the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, will begin a new position as principal of the Indiana School for the Deaf in Indianapolis, Ind., this month. She will be the school's first deaf female principal. Stone has taught computer assisted instruction in KDES's pre-school and coordinated the KDES summer school programs from 1973 through 1988. She also developed "Let's Learn About Deafness," a handbook for elementary school instructors working with deaf and hearing children, which was published in 1989. From 1988-89, Stone was the co-chairwoman for The Deaf Way Conference and Festival.

Jackie Roth, Class of '76 and director of the Gallaudet University Regional Center at Kendall Green, will begin her new position as director of the Gallaudet University Western Regional Center at Ohlone College in Fremont, Calif., in August.

Carolyn McCaskill-Emerson, a career counselor at the Career Center, was the keynote speaker at the Council of

#### **DOSS** reports criminal activities

The following criminal activities at Gallaudet from July 10 to 19 were reported by the Department of Safety and Security (DOSS). Crimes such as minor vandalisms, simple assaults, and petty thefts occurring in predominately student areas have been omitted. No suspects were identified unless otherwise noted.

- 7/10—\$424 was stolen from a purse in Hughes Gym.
- 7/16—an attempted purse snatching occurred on Lincoln Circle South.
- 7/19—\$60 was stolen from a bag in Hughes Gym.

Organizations Serving Deaf Alabamians' (COSDA) sixth annual conference, held June 15 in Montgomery, Ala. She spoke of the need for organizations that serve deaf people to work cooperatively and creatively to promote standards of service for deaf and hard of hearing

Interim Provost Ann Davidson and Major General Robert Durkin, director of the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA), signed an "Adopt-A-School Charter" on June 21, thereby completing months of work between Gallaudet's Career Center and the DMA by adding the University to the DMA's adopt-a-school program. Through the program, DMA personnel participate in career development activities, provide mentors in math and computer science, and recruit topnotch students for employment at the DMA.

A number of Northwest Campus faculty and staff members spoke at the American Association for Higher Education's Fifth Annual Assessment Conference held in Washington, D.C. June 27-30. Judy Bergan of the Communication and Developmental Studies Department helped lead a preconference workshop titled "Faculty-Designed Assessment of General Education Outcomes: Getting Started." Kay Zaccagnini and Andy Brinks of the Health and Physical Education Department led a session titled "Developing and Assessing Problem-Solving and Communication Skills Through Physical Education," and Eleanor Hillegeist of the Mathematics Department presented a session on "Telecommunication Technology and Performance Assessment in Geometry." Dr. Bette Landish, a curriculum development specialist, moderated a panel of four students and graduates of the Associate of Applied Sciences program on performance as-

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to On the Green, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received by Aug. 10 will appear in the Aug. 20 issue.

FOR SALE: Queen-size bed, exc. cond., make offer. Call Paul, 547-1347 (V/TDD), or leave phone number in MSSD Box 24.

FOR SALE: Weider 460 RM rowing machine, never used, still in factory-sealed carton, paid \$160, \$100; exercise bike, used, but just barely, \$45. Call Dotti, x5400.

FOR SALE: Laminated peach desk and bookshelf, exc. cond., moving, must sell immediately, \$125/set. Call x5351, or 942-5068 (V/TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: Nice, spacious house in Greenbelt, Md., 5 BRs, 3½ baths, W/D, AC, DW, 2-car garage, fireplace, w/w carpet, close to 95 and 295, no smokers or pets, ideal for family or group to share, security deposit required, avail. Sept. 1, \$1,700/mo plus util. Call Marybeth, 345-5788 (TDD)

**WANTED:** Nonsmoker to share townhouse in Bowie, Md., about 25-min. drive to Kendall Green, must like pet ferret, \$250/mo. inc. util. Call 344-2389 (TDD).

FOR RENT: 3-BR, 1½ bath townhouse 4 blocks from Kendall Green; W/D, AC, yard, off-street parking, pets permitted; \$1,100/mo. Call Betsy, x3461, or 543-5999 (V/TDD) eves.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female/male to rent basement in townhouse in Laurel, Md., share house,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  baths, AC, W/D, DW, avail. Aug. 1, rent plus  $\frac{1}{3}$  util. Call Bonnie, x5226 (TDD), or 725-2271 (TDD).

FOR SALE: '79 Grady White 22-ft. Cuddy Cabin Cruiser w/'80 V-6 170 HP I/O motor and trailer, boat loaded w/extras, all in exc. cond., \$5,995. Call Don, 577-9170

#### Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

INTAKE COORDINATOR: Experiential Programs Off Campus

CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT: Gallaudet University Bookstore

BUS MONITOR: Transportation Department

FACULTY POSITION: Education

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SPANISH/ ITALIAN: Foreign Language Department FACULTY POSITION: English Department